Shannon Navigation Bill.

[AS AMENDED BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE.]

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- of piers on estuary of Shannon.

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[Bill 171.]



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Make provision with respect to the maintenance of certain A.D. INS.

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Shannon.

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And whereas a part of the daties of such care and concervancy
10 consists in the maintenance of certain piers and other works in the
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sold piers and works are mentioned in the First Schodule to this
Act, and save in this Act referred to as "the said piers";
And whereas it is rerediend that the dative of maintaining the

And whereas it is expedient that the duty of maintaining the 15 said piers should be distributed among such authorities and in such manner as are in this Act mentioned:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majosty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and 20 by the authority of the same, as follows:

 This Act may be cited as the Shannon Act, 1885; and the Shart titles Shannon Acts of 1899 and 1846, and the Shannon Act, 1874, and this Act may be together cited as the Shannon Acts, 1880 to 1885.

25 2. (1.) The Commissioners of Public Weeks in Ireland (herein-after Perist to referred to as "the Commissioners of Works") shall have power Works Comfort time to time upon such conditions as, with the consent of the missioners [Bill 171.]
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A.D. 1885. Treasury, they may think fit, and subject to the provisions of this Act.

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(a.) By order to commit the maintenance of any one or more of the said piers to any trustees, not less than five in number. willing to undertake the same upon the terms herein-after s Shangen. mentioned; and

(b.) By order to direct that any one or more of the said piers shall become the public property of the county, or of the urhan or rural sanitary district within the meaning of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, in which such pier or piers is or are 10 41 & 42 Vtot. 0. 52 situate, and that the maintenance of such pier or piers shall he

committed to the grand jury of the said county, or to the sanitary authority of the said urhan or rural sanitary district, or to any properly constituted harhour authority within the meaning of this Act, as the case may be; provided the said 1x county, sanitary, or harhour authority consent to accept the same upon the terms herein-after mentioned.

(2.) From the date of any such order as aforesaid taking effect in manner herein-after mentioned, or any later date specified in that hehalf in such order, and subject to the terms of the order and the 20 provisions of this Act, all property of every description, and all powers, rights, and duties of the Commissioners of Works in relation to any one or more of the said piers, whereof the maintenance is committed by such order to the local authority or trustees therein in that behalf mentioned, (which said local authority or trustees is as or are in this Act referred to as a " pier authority,") shall cease to be vested in, and to be exercised and performed by, and to attach to the Commissioners of Works, and shall devolve upon such pier authority.

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Considera 3. Before making an order under this Act affecting any one or more of the said piers, the Commissioners of Works shall take into go order affectconsideration the interests of the district or districts henefited by such pier or piers, and of the classes and persons making use thereof, and shall reasonably satisfy themselves that the duties to be committed to any pier authority by such order will be effectively discharged by them, with a due regard for all such interests as aforesaid.

Revolutions se to making and validity of order.

4. With respect to the making of an order by the Commissioners of Works under this Act and the validity thereof, the following regulations shall have effect; that is to say, (1) The Commissioners of Works shall prepare a draft order,

and shall specify therein-(a.) The pier or piers, whereof the maintenance is proposed to

be committed by such order to a local authority or trusters,

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and the local authority or trustees to whom it is proposed A.D. 1883.
to commit such maintenance, and the mode of supplying
from time to time any vacancy caused by the death or
incapacity or refusal to act of any such trustee; and

(b.) All property of every description, and all powers, rights, duties, interests, and liabilities proposed to be vested in and conferred and imposed on such local authority or trustees; and

(c.) Any other matters which the Commissioners of Works, with the consent of the Treasury, may think fit to insert in such order:

(2) The Commissioners of Weeks shall couse the said shaft order to be published in such manner as they shink best adapted for the purpose of making it known to all persons interested, and shall have and consider any objections to such daried rorder which may be made to them in writing within such time, being not less than thirty days from the date of the first publication thereof, as they may by notice published as aforesaid specify?
(3) Having considered all such defections as afformation, the Com-

mistoners of Works shall send the order as finally existed by
them to the Tressury, and the Tressury, if they approve thereof
(whether with or without modifications), shall cause the same,
with such modifications (if any) as they think if it, as soon as
possible to be ladd upon the table of both Houses of Parliament;
(a) The order shall be of no validity until it has lain for fevir

days on the table of both Houses of Partisment; and if during the said frety days either House of Partisment passes in resolution against such order the same shall be vold, but if during the said period of forty days no such resolution is 30 passed, the order shall at the expiration of the said period he valid and take effect:

(5.) The passing of a resolution by either House of Parliament against such order shall not prejudice the making of any subsequent order in pursance of this Ac in relation to the same subject-matter or any part thereof.

5. (1.) A pier anthority shall be bound to maintain and keep in Power to sufficient order and repair the pier or piers or committed to them, Pier uniternal shall have power, subject to the provisions of this Act and of class limit the order committing to them the maintenance of any one or Al more of the said piers, from time to time to purchase or take on

40 more of the said piers, from time to time to purchase or take on lease or otherwise acquire any lands required by them for the purpose of such maintenance.
(2.) With a riew to the purchase of lands by a pier authority, the

(2.) With a view to the purchase of lands by a pier authority, the Lands Clauses Acts shall, so far as they are applicable, be incor.

A.D. 1881. pornted with this Act, with the exception of the provisious of those Acts which relate to the purchase and taking of lauds otherwise than by agreement; and, in constraing the said Lands Clauses Acts for the purposes of this Act, this Act and the order committing to such authority such maintenance as aforesaid shall together 5 constitute the "special Act," and the pier authority shall be the "promotors of the undertaking."

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6. A nier authority shall have power to levy tolls in respect of the several matters mentioued in the Second Schedule to this Act. at such rates, not exceeding the rates mentioned in the said schedule 10 to the order, as they from time to time determine; provided that such talls shall not at any time without the consent of the Treasury be charged in respect of any one of the said piers at higher rates than the rates at which they were charged at the time when the maintenance of such pier was committed to a pier authority in pur- 15 suauce of this Act.

Application

7. All tolls levied by a pier authority to whom the maintenance of any of the said piecs has been committed in pursuance of this Ast, and all moneys otherwise accruing to such authority in pursuance of this Act, shall be held by such authority on trust 20 to dispose thereof in defraving the expenses of and attending such maintenance, and in recoverent of any loan or loans raised by such authority in pursuance of this Act, with the interest thereon; and any surplus from time to time arising shall be applied in reduction of such of the rates fixed in respect of the said talk as such as anthority may from time to time think it expedient to reduce; and any surplus from time to time remaining after such reduction of rates as aforesaid shall, in the case of a pier authority being a local authority, he the property of the county or sanitary district (as the case may be), and, in the case of a pier authority being a trustee or so trustees, be disposed of in such manner as Parliament may direct. 8. Where a pier authority are a local authority within the

local authospecial rate. meaning of this Act, and the moneys at any time available for payment of the expenses incurred by such authority in the maintenance of any of the said piers, or for payment of any sums due an in respect of a loan raised by such authority in pursuance or this Act, are insufficient for payment of such expenses or sams, then-(1.) if such pier authority are the grand jury of a county, such

grand jury may present any amount so from time to time required to supply the deficiency, such amount to be raised off 40 the county at large, or off any one or more of the haronies or half haronies in the county; and such amount on being presented shall be applotted, raised, and levied accordingly; provided that a presentment made in pursuance of this section

shall be subject to the like proceedings at presculment sessions, A.D. 1881, and otherwise, as other grand jury presentments; and

- (2.) if such pior authority are an urban or varial similary authority within the meaning of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, 114.42 Vict. such authority may make a special rate for the purpose of \$22, amplying the deficiency; and such authority, if an urban
- authority, shall here all such powers for making and lexying such special rate, and all persists. Such lex applicable in respect, thereof, as in the cess of any afte authorised to be made by such arbitral such could be a first property for the queen plenges of the Public Hostilt (testant) Act. 1878; and if such authority the around required for supplying the scale a test authority, the amount required for supplying the scale around motively, the around required for persisting the scale around the scale of the special expenses within the consisting of the Public Could be special expenses within the consisting of the Public Could be special expenses within the consisting of the Public Could be special expenses within the consisting of the Public Could be special expenses.
 - of that Act shall apply accordingly.

 Provided that an applotment or apploaments or a rate or rates made by any local authority for the purposes of this Act shall not in any year exceed six-ence in the nome.
- 20 9. (1.) Sabject to the provisions of an order committing the mein. Power se tecauce of any of the said piers to a pier authority, such pier life saids authority may from time to time, with the sanction of the Commist, become.
- siouses of Weeks, berow at interest any sum required for any works which such arthroid; par anthorisct to excent in pursuance of 25 such order, and for that purpose may mortgage the tolls leviable by them under this Act and also (in case such authority are a local authority) any rute which they are by this Act authorised to make, and the mortgages or day such mortgage may enforce the
- make, and the mortgagoes of any such mortgage may enforce the
 payment of any arrears of principal and interest due thereon by
 30 the appointment of a receiver.

 (2) For the purpose of any such ions the provisions of the Com. 40 & 11 Yer.
 - missioners Chruses Act, 1847, with respect to the mertgages to be executed by the Commissioners shall, so far as such provisions are applicable and are not inconsistent with this Act or the said order,
- 38 be incorporated with this Act; and in the construction of the said provisions for the purposes of such incorporation the "special Act." shall be deemed to be this Act mud the sold order, and the "Commissioners" shall be the pier authority, and the "eleck to the Commissioners" shall be the pier authority or any person appropriated
- 40 by the pier authority, and the word "rates" shall include any tells leviable under this Act.
 - (3.) A pier antherity being a grand jury may also (subject to the limit herein-before imposed on the amount of any applotments to

A.D. 1883. be made in any year for the purposes of this Act) present any sum, to be raised off the county at large or off any one or more of the bayonies or half baronies in the county, for the nurpose of obtaining a loan in pursuance of this Act, and the ensotments for the time being in force with respect to the presenting of moneys by grand 5 juries for the purpose of obtaining loans for public works, and with respect to the making and repayment of such loans, shall be applicable to any such presentment, and to the making of any loan on the security thereof, and to the renovment of any such loan.

Power to Corneris. moners to lend to pier authority.

10. The Commissioners of Works may, with the consent of the 10. Tressury make any loan to a pier authority acting in pursuance of any nowers of horrowing conferred by this Act, on the security of any talls leviable under this Act, and (if thoy think it expedient) of any presentment or rate which such authority (if a local authority) is sutherised by this Act to make, and without requiring any further 15 or other security, such loss to be repaid within a period not exceeding fifty years, and to hear interest at the rate of three and a half per centum per annum, or such other rate as may in the judgment of the Tressury be necessary in order to enable the loan

to be made without loss to the Exchequer: Provided that in determining the time when a loan under this section shall be repayable, the Commissioners of Works shall have regard to the probable duration and continuing utility of the works in respect of which the same is required.

Lucorporation of certain provi-10 & 11 Vict.

11. In the application of this Act in the case of any nier authority 25 there shall be incorporated with this Act the following provisions and sections of the Harbours, Docks, and Piers Clauses Act, 1847. so far as those provisions and sections are applicable to and not inconsistent with or modified by this Act or the order committing the maintenance of any one or more of the said pices to such 30 authority as aforesaid: that is to say.

(1.) Section twenty-eight, relating to the exemption of certain vessels, persons, and things, from the liability to be charged with rates and to be regulated and controlled under the said Act or the special Act : and

(2.) The provisions with respect to the collection and recovery of rates, excepting sections thirty-five and thirty-six; and (3.) Sections seventy-four, seventy-five, and seventy-six, relating

to the liability for any damage done, and the recovery of the amount of such damage; and

(4.) The provisions with respect to the byelaws to be made by the undertakers : and

(5.) The provisions with respect to the recovery of damages not specially provided for, and of penalties, and to the determination of any other matter referred to justices:

and in the construction of the said provisions and sections for the A.D. 1885. purpose of such incorporation, the "special Act" skell he deemed to be this Act and the said order; and the "harbour, dock, or pier" shall be the pier or piers whereof the maintenance is committed by

5 the said order to such pier authority as aforesaid; and the "undertakers" shall he the said pier authority; and the word "rate" shall include any such toll as is mentioned in this Act.

12. A pier authority shall not show any undue preference to any Pysidistics person in relation to the use of any of the said piers whereof the of sucase 10 maintenance has been committed to such authority, but every in use of person shall be entitled to the use thereof on the same terms on piers. which any other person would be so entitled under similar circumstances.

13. Accounts of the receipts and expenditure of a pier anthority Account 15 shall be made up in such form and to such day or days in every and sadit. year as may be appointed by the Local Government Board. Such accounts shall be audited by such auditor of the accounts relating to the relief of the poor as the Local Government Board appoint for the purpose; and such auditor shall have the like 20 powers and he subject to the like obligations, and any person

aggrieved by the decision of such auditor shall have the like rights and remedies, as are provided in the case of an audit under section two hundred and forty-eight of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 41 & 42 Viet. 1878; and a pier authority shall for the purposes of this section be e. 42.

25 deemed to be a public body within the meaning of section six of 35 k 35 Vice the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act. 1872. 14. Every pier authority shall make an annual report, in such Recort to

form and at such time as the Local Government Board may Local Go from time to time direct, of all works executed and of all Food 30 sums received and expended by them in pursuance of this Act during the preceding year, and shall send a copy thereof to the Local Government Board, and shall publish such report or an abstract thereof in some local newspaper circulating in the district.

15 .- (1.) If at any time it appears to the Lord Lieutenaut that M 25 any one or more of the said piers is or are not maintained in a proper of piers in state of repair by any pier authority to whom the maintenance fast by thereof has been committed in pursuance of this Act, the Lord per autho-Lieutenant may, if he thinks fit, signify the same to the Treasury, and the Treasury may thereupon, if they think fit, authorise the Com-

40 missioners of Works to execute any works which they may consider necessary for the purpose of putting such pier or piers as aforesaid in a proper state of repair, and to advance out of any moneys for the time being in their hands for the purpose of loans any sum or [171]

a D 1886, sums necessary for such works; and for the purpose of executing such works the Commissioners of Works shall be invested with all the powers of the pier authority.

> (2.) Any sum or sums so advanced by the Commissioners of Works, together with interest thereon at the rate of three and a half 5 per centum per annum, or such other rate as may in the indement of the Trensury be necessary in order to enable such advance to be made without loss to the Exchequer, shall be repaid by the pier authority out of any moneys in their hands for the purpose of the maintenance of such pier or piers as aforesaid, and shall be a charge 10 upon all tolls levied by such authority until the whole amount due in respect of the advance has been repaid; and such charge shall have priority over all other sums payable by such authority in respect of such maintenance, except any sums payable in respect of expenses incurred previous to the date of the said advance by the 15 Commissioners of Works; and for the recovery of the said advance and the interest thereon, the Commissioners of Works shall have the like rights and remedies as if the sum or sums advanced had been horrowed by the pier authority in pursuance of this Act on the security of a mortgage of the said tolls.

 Nothing in this Act shall extend to abridge or prejudicially affect any right, power, jurisdiction, or privilege of the Commissioners of Irish Lights.

17. In this Act the following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them, unless there be something 25 in the context repugnant thereto; that is to say, "Lord Lieutenant" includes the Lords Justices or any other

obief governor or governors of Ireland for the time being ; "Treasury" means the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury:

"Local Government Board" means the Local Government Board for Ireland: "Local authority" means the grand jury of a county or any

urban or rural sanitary authority within the meaning of the 41 & 42 Viet. Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878: "County" means a county at large, also a county of a city, a

county of a town and city, and a city or town and county: "Grand jury" includes the town council of any borough to

whom the powers of a grand jury with respect to the presentment of public money have been transferred; "Lands Clauses Acts" means the Lands Clauses Consolidation

Act, 1845, and the Acts amending the same, so far as respects Ireland.

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SCHEDULES.

A.D. 1855.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE.

Olare Gastle Pier, County Clare.
Kiltuah Pier, County Clare.
Kildyser Pier (Cabirna), County Clare.
Queen Pier, County Clare.
Kildeyer Pier, County Limerick.
Kilteery Pier, County Limerick.
Kynen Harbour, County Limerick.
Saleen (Ballylongford) Pier, County Kerry.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE.

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		Rates for entering Pier.	
15	ON CRAFT TRADESO IN THE BYER SHARROOK.	L. Por first week.	2. For any time after first week
	Open bosts, tref bosts, and decked vessels under 90 toos burden.	3d. per diem	3d. per diem.
	Docked veneric of 20 tens and under 50 tens register, or 50 tens burden when not revisional.	la. p	tid "
20	or 50 tees burden when not regulaters. Vessels of 50 tees register or burden and orskyr 100 tees revisier.	24	16 ×
	Vessels of 100 teen register and upwards -	3a. p	1s. 6d
25	ON VEHICLE ANDIVERS FROM OR DEPARTED TO ANY PORT IN THE UNITED KINGGOM, OUTSIDE THE SHANGON.	3d, per ten register for a periol of 16 days.	dd. per ton for every subse- quent week or port of a week.
80	On Venice arraying from or departing to any Former of Colonial Port,	Saf. per ton register for a period of 14 days.	Ditto.
	Veneds arriving for the purpose of shelter to pay only the rates per diem or per ton as per column No. 5.		

